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I feel that the Dept. of Justice has let the common people down. Microsoft's punishment is nothing more than a light slap on the wrist. This will not help any business that is trying to compete with MS. With MS's history of giving away a competing product for nothing until a smaller competitor is out of business. This then allows them to charge any price and the consumer will have no where else to turn.

Microsoft is a monopoly (only good result of this case so far), and the bundling practice is bad for everyone except Microsoft. I don't blame them and I honestly believe that any company in their position would have done the same thing, but they are the company in that position and the Department of Justice has the responsibility to protect smaller businesses and the consumer by placing fair restrictions on this type of practice. Even if those curbs are temporary and reviewed based on competition in the future by independent parties.

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